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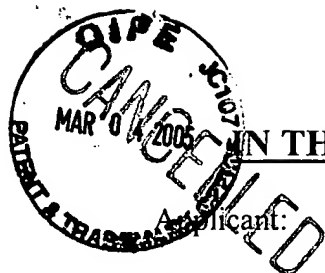
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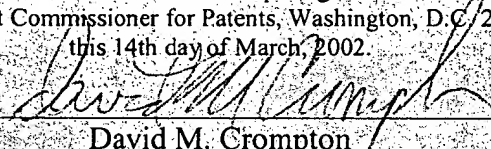
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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown:

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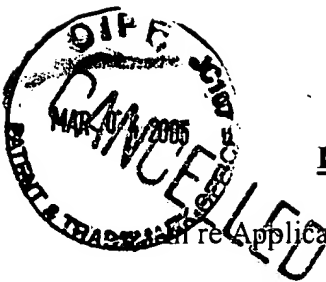
- [] A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- [XX] Other: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, FORM PTO-1449 AND CITED REFERENCES.
- [XXXX] Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

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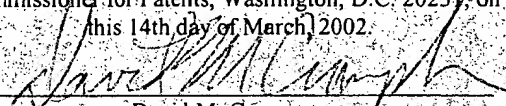
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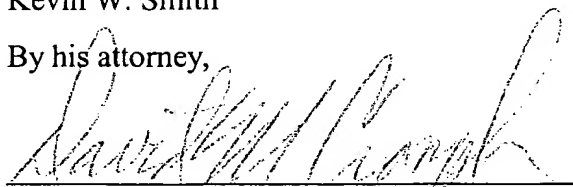
Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are hereby disclosed.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

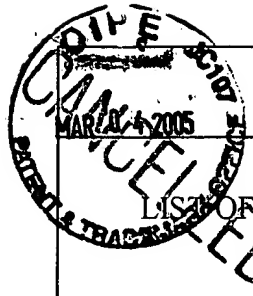
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document No.	Date	Country	Translation Yes No
AA	DE 28 29 159 A1	01/17/1980	Germany	Yes
AB	DE 199 53 359 A1	05/11/2000	Germany	Yes
AC	WO 01/10321	02/15/2001	WIPO	

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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